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SUBJECT: FRG MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY

BEGIN SUMMARY: CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT APPROVED THE FOREIGN  
MINISTRY PROPOSALS FOR RESUMPTION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE  
TO GREECE AND TURKEY ON MARCH 19. IT IS EXPECTED THAT  
THE APPROPRIATE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES WILL APPROVE THE  
PROPOSALS AND ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION MAY BEGIN AROUND THE  
MIDDLE OF APRIL. END SUMMARY

1. IN A MEETING WITH FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR  
VAN WELL ON MARCH 20, AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND WAS  
INFORMED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT APPROVED ON MARCH 19  
THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PROPOSALS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GREECE AND TURKEY. THE GERMANS  
HAD DELAYED THEIR FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER SO THAT  
IT WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE TAKEN AS A DIRECT RESULT OF  
THE ECEVIT VISIT TO THE FRG. VAN WELL INDICATED HIS  
GOVERNMENT WAS NOT PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH THE WIDE-  
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SPREAD PRESS REPORTS IN TURKEY ABOUT FRG INTENTIONS TO

RESUME MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE TURKS FOLLOWING  
ECEVIT'S RETURN. THEY ATTRIBUTE THESE TO ECEVIT.

2. VAN WELL THEN PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO FOR  
IMPLEMENTING THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLAN:

A. FONOFF STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF WILL CALL IN  
THE GREEK AND TURKISH AMBASSADORS SEPARATELY TO INFORM  
THEM FORMALLY OF THE GERMAN DECISION. THESE MEETINGS  
ARE EXPECTED TO BE HELD MARCH 21 UNLESS SCHEDULING  
DIFFICULTIES ARISE. GEHLHOFF ALSO PLANS TO ASK THE  
TURKISH AMBASSADOR WHEN HE WILL BE READY TO SIGN THE  
8TH TRANCHE.

B. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL THEN SEND A  
LETTER TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE BUNDESTAG FOREIGN RELA-  
TIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEES RESPECTIVELY ASKING THAT  
THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE PLAN BE PLACED ON THEIR AQENDAS.  
THE GENSCHER LETTER WILL ALSO URGE APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.  
VAN WELL EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT SUCH APPROVAL WILL BE  
GRANTED. (COMMENT: NEWSPAPER REPORTS PREVIOUSLY  
PUBLISHED TEND TO CONFIRM THAT THERE WILL BE LITTLE  
DIFFICULTY WITH THE POLICY, WITH CDU/CSU OPPOSITION  
SPOKESMEN VOICING THEIR SUPPORT. END COMMENT)

C. TECHNICAL TALKS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN GOT  
AND GOG REPRESENTATIVES AND DEFENSE MINISTRY OFFICIALS  
REGARDING THE SPECIFIC CONTENTS OF THE MILITARY ASSIST-  
ANCE PACKAGES. VAN WELL SAID THE TURKS WERE INTERESTED  
IN SPARE PARTS SUPPORT FOR THEIR AIR FORCE. VAN WELL  
INDICATED THE TECHNICAL TALKS MAY WELL BEGIN BEFORE THE  
BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES HAVE GRANTED FORMAL APPROVAL.

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3. VAN WELL TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND THAT THE GREEK AMBASSADOR HAD EARLIER INDICATED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS EMANATING FROM TURKEY. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR HAD EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THAT GERMAN POLICY MIGHT BE TOO ONE-SIDED IN VIEW OF THESE REPORTS. VAN WELL SAID HE DID HIS BEST TO ASSURE THE AMBASSADOR THAT FRG POLICY WOULD BE BALANCED VIS-A-VIS BOTH COUNTRIES, AND THAT THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE GRANTED WILL BE AS PROPORTIONATE AS POSSIBLE. THE GREEK AMBASSADOR SAID HE WAS ANXIOUS THAT THE ACTUAL DELIVERIES BE MADE AS SIMULTANEOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. VAN WELL ASSURED HIM THE FRG WOULD DO ITS BEST TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST.

4. AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND ASKED WHEN ACTION ON SHIPMENTS COULD REALISTICALLY BE EXPECTED TO BEGIN. VAN WELL REPLIED THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN COULD PROBABLY NOT BEGIN BEFORE THE MIDDLE OF APRIL SINCE,  
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BECAUSE OF THE EASTER BREAK, THE BUNDESTAG COMMITTEES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ACTION UNTIL THEIR FIRST MEETINGS SCHEDULED AROUND APRIL 10.  
HILLENBRAND

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